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SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF MULTIFIBER AGREEMENT (MFA)

REF: STATE 38558

1. ECON/COMM MINISTER CONVEYED U.S. VIEWS ON MFA RENEWAL AS SET FORTH REFTEL TO FOREIGN OFFICE DEPUTY ASST. SECRETARY DITTMAN ON FEBRUARY 24. ECON/COMM MINISTER ALSO LEFT WITH DITTMAN A COPY OF TALKING POINTS BASED ON PARAS. 3-6 OF REFTEL. DITTMAN STRESSED THAT THE FRG COULD LIVE WITH RENEWAL OF THE MFA AS IT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESENTLY STANDS. HE RECOGNIZED THAT OTHER COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY CANADA, FRANCE AND THE UK, HAVE MORE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES WITH TEXTILE IMPORTS. HE NOTED THAT IMPORTS INTO JAPAN AND THE U.S. UNDER THE MFA HAVE INCREASED LESS RAPIDLY THAN IMPORTS INTO THE EC AND THAT IN SOME INSTANCES THE MARKET PENETRATION FOR TEXTILES IN THE EC IS VERY HIGH. HOWEVER, HE STRESSED

THAT IT IS IN THE COMMON INTERESTS OF THE CONSUMER COUNTRIES TO KEEP THE MFA ALIVE. HE AGREED COMPLETELY WITH THE U.S. CONCERN THAT THE ISSUES RELATED TO MFA RENEWAL BE SETTLED QUICKLY, SO AS TO KEEP TEXTILE TRADE PROBLEMS OUT OF THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE.

2. ECON/COMM MINISTER STRESSED ARGUMENT THAT THE PRESENT MFA HAS SUFFICIENT SAFEGUARD PROVISIONS, WHICH CONSUMING COUNTRIES CAN AND DO USE TO PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE PRESENT MFA TEXT CONTAINS AS MUCH FLEXIBILITY AS THE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO LIMIT THE GROWTH OF IMPORTS OF THE MOST SENSITIVE ITEMS.

3. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED MFA RENEWAL QUESTIONS AT LENGTH WITH ECONOMICS MINISTRY. ECON/COMM MINISTER PLANS TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITH FRAU STEEG NEXT WEEK, WHEN HER TEXTILE EXPERTS WILL BE IN BONN.
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